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## Programme of meetings and agenda

## Official meetings

**Friday, 6 November 2015**

### General Assembly

Seventieth session

10:00 — 49th plenary meeting [webcast] — General Assembly Hall

Report of the International Criminal Court [item 78]

(a) Note by the Secretary-General (A/70/350)

(b) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/70/317 and A/70/346)

### Main Committees

### First Committee

10:00 to 13:00 — 26th meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 4

Action on all draft resolutions and decisions submitted under agenda items (items 88 to 105)

[Documents of the Committee: *item 92* (A/70/174, A/70/172, A/70/172/Add.1, A/C.1/70/L.45 and A/C.1/70/L.59); *item 97* (A/70/168, A/70/168/Add.1, A/70/81, A/70/181, A/70/163, A/70/163/Add.1, A/70/164, A/70/164/Add.1, A/70/155, A/70/117, A/70/183, A/70/157, A/70/169, A/70/169/Add.1, A/70/170, A/70/170/Add.1, A/70/182, A/70/182/Add.1, A/C.1/70/2, A/C.1/70/L.27/Rev.1, A/C.1/70/L.36*, A/C.1/70/L.39 and A/C.1/70/L.48*); *item 99* (A/C.1/70/L.30)]

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[The list of delegations has been issued and is available in the Conference Room. Delegations wishing to reserve conference rooms for consultations during the session should contact Ms. Lidija Komatina (e-mail komatina@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2378; Room S-3057). Background information on the Committee is available and accessible to Member States and permanent observers on the First Committee QuickFirst Website (*click here*). For inquiries regarding access to QuickFirst, kindly contact Mr. Victor Leu (e-mail leu@un.org). Delegates are reminded that PaperSmart services are offered as an additional service for the seventieth session of the First Committee of the General Assembly. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart1@un.org. The number of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statement will appear on the First Committee PaperSmart portal (*click here*) only when read out by the delegation. A First Committee side events calendar is available by *clicking here*. To have an event added on the list, please contact Ms. Soo Hyun Kim (e-mail kim12@un.org).]

## Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

15:00 to 18:00 — 20th meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 4

Comprehensive review of special political missions (A/70/400, A/70/95 and A/70/357) [item 57]

*Introductory statement by the Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs*

*Presentation by the Under-Secretary-General for Field Support*

*Interactive dialogue*

*General debate*

[Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers of the remaining items of the agenda of the Committee are kindly requested to send an e-mail to 4thcommittee@un.org. Delegations are encouraged to observe the time limits of *10 minutes* for statements by individual Member States and *15 minutes* for delegations speaking on behalf of a group of States. The list of speakers will be prepared on the basis of these time limits.

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Delegates may also follow the open formal meetings of the Committee via Live webcast on the United Nations Web TV website (*click here*). The direct link to the archived videos can be consulted by *clicking here*.]

**Second Committee**

10:00 to 13:00 [webcast] Conference Room 2

*Panel discussion on "Challenges and initiatives for the implementation of the water-related sustainable development goals in water-scarce countries: learning from Mediterranean and Latin American countries"*

*Chaired by*

Ms. Chantal Uwizera (Rwanda), Rapporteur of the Second Committee

*Opening remarks*

Mr. Thomas Gass, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs

*Keynote presentations*

His Excellency Sherif Eissa, Deputy Assistant Foreign Minister for Nile Basin Affairs, Egypt

Mr. Luis Garrote, Professor, Polytechnic University of Madrid

Ms. Carla Mucavi, Director, Food and Agricultural Organization Liaison Office with the United Nations, New York

*Moderator*

Ms. Josefina Maestu, Director, United Nations Office to support the International Decade for Action "Water for Life" 2005-2015

*Panellists*

Mr. Wael Khairy, Deputy President of Nile Water Sector, Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Egypt

Mr. Ney Maranhão, Director, National Water Agency, Brazil

Mr. Dunixi Gabiña, Deputy Director, IAMZ-CIHEAM Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Zaragoza

*Presentations followed by an interactive discussion*

*Panellists*

Mr. John Qu, Director, Global Environment and Natural Resources Institute, George Mason University

Mr. Melchiade Bukuru, Chief, Liaison Office of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, New York

Mr. Jamal Shah, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Specialist on Emergencies, United Nations Children's Fund

*Presentations followed by an interactive discussion*

*Closing remarks*

Mr. Glenn Dolcemascolo, Climate Change Coordinator, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction

[The Second Committee programme of work and status of documentation, including background information and side events for the seventieth session of the General Assembly are available on the website of the Committee (*click here*).

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Delegations are requested to submit, *as soon as possible*, the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers to the Acting Secretary of the Second Committee, Mr. Otto Gustafik (c/o Mr. Jose Rene Tanoy (e-mail tanoy*@*un.org; Room S-1291; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales or form A/INF/70/2 will be accepted by e-mail. For inquiries regarding access to the Second Committee QuickPlace, please contact Ms. Maria Theresa Olvida (e-mail 2ndcommittee*@*un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-8429).

Requests for room reservations for informal consultations on Second Committee matters should be sent, *as soon as possible but no later than 17:00* of the day before the meeting, to Ms. Patricia Anholt Habr (e-mail habrp*@*un.org, tel. 1 (212) 963-5724).]

**Fifth Committee**

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| 10:00 | 13th meeting [webcast] | Conference Room 3 |
| | Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments [item 114] | |
| | (a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/70/101 and A/C.5/70/5) | |
| | (b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions (A/70/102 and A/C.5/70/6) | |
| | (d) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors (A/70/104 and A/C.5/70/7) | |
| Morning[1] to 13:00 | Informal consultations (closed) | Conference Room 5 |
| | Informal consultations on agenda item 134 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017: Global Service Delivery Model (GSDM) (A/70/323* and A/70/436)) | |
| 15:00 to 18:00 | Informal consultations (closed) | Conference Room 5 |
| | Informal consultations on agenda item 143 (Administration of justice at the United Nations (A/70/187, A/70/188*, A/70/189, A/70/151, A/70/420 and A/C.5/70/9)) | |

[The list of speakers for the general discussion on all agenda items before the Fifth Committee *is open*. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact, in writing, Ms. Ilene McGrade (e-mail fifthcommittee*@*un.org). In addition to providing 25 copies of their statement to the Conference Room Officer, delegations are kindly requested to provide an electronic copy of their statement to the secretariat of the Committee (e-mail fifthcommittee*@*un.org), prior to the start of the meeting. Background information on the work of the Fifth Committee, including the provisional draft programme of work for the seventieth session of the General Assembly is available by *clicking here*.]

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 13th meeting.

**Sixth Committee**

10:00 to 13:00 — 21st meeting [webcast] — Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixty-seventh session (A/70/10) [item 83]

15:00 to 18:00 — 22nd meeting [webcast] — Trusteeship Council Chamber

United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law [item 82]

*Introduction of and action on draft resolution A/C.6/70/L.10*

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixty-seventh session (A/70/10) [item 83]

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The list of speakers for all items on the agenda of the Sixth Committee *is open*. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (e-mail 6thcommittee@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5331; fax 1 (212) 963-1963). Delegations that have not yet submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are invited to inform the Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs, secretariat of the Sixth Committee (e-mail 6thcommittee@un.org, Room DC2-0566; fax 1 (212) 963-1963).

Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales or form A/INF/70/2 will be accepted by e-mail.

Delegates are invited to access the online form on the website of the Sixth Committee for purposes of registering for the Committee's UNITE Connections community (for the seventieth session), as well as to join the e-mail contact list of representatives attending the Sixth Committee.]

## General Assembly

**Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions**

11:30 to 13:00 — Closed meeting — Conference Room 10

15:00 to 18:00 — Closed meeting — Conference Room 10

1. Executive meeting
2. Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons-United Nations Joint Investigative Mechanism
3. Executive meeting

## Security Council

**Military Staff Committee**

11:00 — 1834th meeting (closed) — Conference Room 8

## United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

**Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf**
Thirty-ninth session

There will be closed meetings of the subcommissions established by the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf *today*, 6 November 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 18:00, at the Geographic Information System laboratories of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

## Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

*The agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/70/251 and A/70/252. The meetings under this header are closed.*

**Friday, 6 November 2015**

*General Assembly*

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (under agenda item 73) (convened by the delegation of the European Union)**

From 10:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 9.

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*Second Committee*

**Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.17, entitled "Follow-up to and implementation of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway and the Mauritius Strategy for the further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States" (under agenda item 20 (b)) (convened by the delegation of the Bahamas)**

From 09:00 to 10:00, in Conference Room B.

**Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.24, entitled "Toward Global Partnerships: a principle-based approach to enhanced cooperation between the United Nations and all relevant partners" (under agenda item 27) (convened by the delegation of Luxembourg)**

From 09:30 to 13:00, in Conference Room 11.

**Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.4, entitled "International Day of Women in Science" (under agenda item 22 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Malta)**

From 11:30 to 12:30, in Conference Room B.

**Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.6, entitled "Culture and sustainable development" (under agenda item 22 (c)) (convened by the delegation of Costa Rica)**

From 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 8.

**Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.8, entitled "Women in development" (under agenda item 24 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Rwanda)**

From 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 11.

**Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.15, entitled "International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR)" (under agenda item 20 (c)) (convened by the delegation of Thailand)**

From 16:30 to 18:00, in Conference Room C.

**Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.20, entitled "United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014)" (under agenda item 20 (h)) (convened by the delegation of the Sudan)**

From 18:00 to 19:30, in Conference Room C.

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*Third Committee*

**Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.43, entitled "Globalization and its impact on the full enjoyment of all human rights" (under agenda item 72 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Egypt)**

From 09:00 to 10:00, in Conference Room E.

**Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.14, entitled "Persons with albinism" (under agenda item 28) (convened by the delegations of Malawi and the United Republic of Tanzania)**

From 10:00 to 11:00, in Conference Room E.

**Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.28, entitled "Rights of the Child" (under agenda item 68 (a)) (convened by the delegations of the European Union and Uruguay (on behalf of GRULAC))**

From 10:00 to 11:30, in Conference Room B.

**Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.41, entitled "Freedom of Religion and Belief" (under agenda item 72 (b)) (convened by the delegation of the European Union)**

From 10:30 to 12:00, in Conference Room C.

**Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.13, entitled "Improving the coordination of efforts against trafficking in persons" (under agenda item 106) (convened by the delegation of Belarus)**

From 11:15 to 13:00, in Conference Room E.

**Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.50, entitled "Towards a Multilateral Legal Instrument to Promote and Protect the Human Rights and Dignity of Older Persons" (under the agenda item 72 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Argentina)**

From 12:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room C.

**Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.16, entitled "United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders" (under agenda item 106) (convened by the delegation of Uganda (on behalf of the African Group))**

From 13:00 to 14:45, in Conference Room 1.

**Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Regional Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Central Africa" (under agenda item 72 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Angola (on behalf of ECCAS))**

From 13:00 to 14:45, in Conference Room E.

**Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.51, entitled "Protection of and Assistance to Internally Displaced Persons" (under agenda item 72 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Norway)**

From 13:15 to 15:00, in Conference Room C.

**Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.24, entitled "Improvement of the situation of women and girls in rural areas" (under agenda item 29 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Mongolia)**

From 15:00 to 16:30, in Conference Room C.

**Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.25, entitled "Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Optional Protocol thereto" (under agenda item 72 (a)) (convened by the delegations of Mexico, New Zealand and Sweden)**

From 16:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room B.

**Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.9, entitled "Promoting social integration through social inclusion" (under agenda item 28 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Peru)**

From 17:30 to 19:00, in Conference Room B.

## Other meetings

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**Friday, 6 November 2015**

**Group of 77 (on Second Committee and related matters)**

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| 09:00 to 13:00 | Closed meeting | Conference Room D |
| 15:00 to 18:00 | Closed meeting | Conference Room D |

**International Criminal Court: Assembly of States Parties (omnibus resolution)**

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| 13:15 to 14:30 | Closed meeting | Conference Room 6 |

## Press conferences

*The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.*

**Friday, 6 November 2015**

*Press Briefing Room (S-0237)* [webcast]

12:00 Press briefing by the Spokesperson

**General Assembly**
Seventieth session

The General Assembly will hold plenary meetings, in the General Assembly Hall as follows:

On Thursday, 12 November 2015, at 10:00, to consider agenda item 111 (Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations) (document A/70/300), and agenda item 30 (Report of the Security Council) (document A/70/2).

On Friday, 13 November 2015, at 10:00, to consider, in a joint debate, agenda item 15 (Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields), agenda item 116 (Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit), agenda item 122 (Strengthening of the United Nations system) and agenda item 123 (United Nations reform: measures and proposals).

Delegations wishing to speak are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org) with copy to Ms. Meriem Heddache (e-mail heddachem@un.org); tel. 1 (212) 963-5063)).

## Forthcoming official meetings

**Monday, 9 November 2015**

### General Assembly
Seventieth session

10:00 50th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Election of thirty members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law [item 113 (b)]
2. Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences: Note by the Secretary-General (A/70/107) [item 114 (e)]

3. Appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit: Note by the Secretary-General (A/70/106) [item 114 (f)]

4. Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council[1] [item 112 (b)]

[1]By-election to fill a vacancy in the Economic and Social Council resulting from a member of the group of Western European and other States relinquishing its seat (A/70/426).

## General Assembly

Seventieth session

**Informal consultations on agenda item 79 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea: Sustainable fisheries)**

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 79 (b) (Sustainable fisheries) of the seventieth session of the General Assembly will be held from Tuesday, 10, to Tuesday, 17 November 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 6.

**Informal consultations on agenda item 79 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)**

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 79 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea) of the seventieth session of the General Assembly will be held from Wednesday, 18, to Tuesday, 24 November 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 6.

## General Assembly

Seventieth session

The agenda of the seventieth regular session of the General Assembly was adopted on 18 September 2015 (document A/70/251 and A/70/251/Add.1), see documents A/70/252 and A/70/252/Add.1 for allocation of items.

The annotated preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the seventieth regular session of the General Assembly was issued in document A/70/100.

The programme of the work and the schedule of plenary meetings of the General Assembly during the main part of its seventieth session were issued on 7 October 2015 in document A/INF/70/3. Updates to the programme of work will be reflected in the online schedule of meetings, please *click here*.

*List of speakers*

Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina

Poliakova, e-mail poliakova@un.org; with a copy to heddachem@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063).

For the submission of a draft resolution for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-7784 (Room S-3044). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

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*Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications*

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Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org, or to dpu-dgacm@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only. Materials that are accessible to the public on websites or through the media, such as statements, press releases and images, should be cited rather than included in the communications.

*Future elections of non-permanent members of the Security Council and members of the Economic and Social Council*

Pursuant to operative paragraph 17 of resolution 68/307 of 10 September 2014, on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, there will be two elections, at the seventieth session, of the non-permanent members of the Security Council and two elections of the members of the Economic and Social Council.

Specifically, the General Assembly conducted the elections of five non-permanent members of the Security Council for the term 2016-2017 and of 18 members of the Economic and Social Council for the term 2016-2018, during the main part of the session. The elections for the 2017-2018 term in the Security Council and for the 2017-2019 term in the Economic and Social Council will take place during the resumed part of the session, in the *spring of 2016*.

Subsequently, these elections will be conducted once during each session of the General Assembly, in the spring, in accordance with the above-mentioned resolution. A memorandum, dated 22 October 2014, was sent by the Director, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council Affairs Division, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, to the Chairs of the regional groups for that month.

## General Assembly

Seventieth session

**Main Committees**

**Fifth Committee**

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Monday, 9 November 2015, at 10:00 and 15:00, in Conference Room 5.

## General Assembly

**2015 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities**

The 2015 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will be held on Monday, 9 November 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 2, and will continue from 15:00 to 18:00, if necessary.

Delegations are requested to submit, *in writing*, the names of their representatives attending the Pledging Conference to the Secretary of the Conference, Ms. Radhika Ochalik (c/o Ms. Catalina de Leon (e-mail leonc*a* un.org)). Please note that only scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

The list of speakers for the Pledging Conference is now *open*. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact, *in writing*, the Secretary of the Conference (c/o Ms. Catalina de Leon (e-mail leonc*a* un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

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**Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People**

*Working Group*

The Working Group of the Committee will hold a closed meeting on Monday, 9 November 2015, at 10:30, in Conference Room 6. Representatives of "Adalah – The Legal Center for Arab Minority Rights in Israel" will brief the Working Group.

*Plenary*

The 373rd meeting of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will be held on Tuesday, 10 November 2015, at 10:00, in Conference Room 2.

Mr. Mahmoud Elkhafif (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)) and Mr. Atif Kubursi (McMaster University, Ontario), will brief the Group of 77 and the Non-Aligned Movement Group, on Tuesday, 10 November 2015, at 15:00, in Conference Room 4.

## Economic and Social Council

2016 session

*Plenary meeting*

The President of the Economic and Social Council (Republic of Korea) will convene a plenary meeting on Thursday, 12 November 2015, at 10:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, to take action on draft decision E/2016/L.2 relating to the distribution of seats among the eight experts nominated by Member States to the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, and draft decision E/2016/L.4 on the dates and theme for the integration segment of the 2016 session of the Council.

The Council will also hold elections to fill a number of outstanding vacancies.

Delegations wishing to propose candidates for election are kindly reminded to address their correspondence to the Economic and Social Council Affairs Branch, with a copy to Ms. Sangeeta Sharma (e-mail sharma7@un.org) and Ms. Mary Constable (e-mail constablem@un.org), by 17:00, on Monday, 9 November.

The Chairs of the regional groups for the current month are kindly invited to inform the Secretariat of candidatures which may be forthcoming from their groups. A list of candidates for the election, as well as supporting documentation, can be consulted on Candiweb by *clicking here*.

*Briefing*

The Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council (Argentina) will hold a briefing of the Council on the second phase of the dialogue on the longer-term positioning of the United Nations development system in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The briefing will also be held on Thursday, 12 November 2015, immediately following the plenary meeting of the Council. For further information, please contact the Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (Mr. Kristinn Helgason (e-mail helgason@un.org); or Ms. Cassandra Price Taveras (e-mail pricec@un.org)).

## Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

*The agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/70/251 and A/70/252. The meetings under this header are closed.*

***General Assembly***

**Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin" (under agenda item 10) (convened by the delegation of Greece)**

*Monday, 9 November 2015*, from 10:00 to 12:00, in Conference Room E; and

*Wednesday, 11 November 2015*, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room E.

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations" (under agenda item 73 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)**

*Monday, 9 November 2015*, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 8.

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The situation in Afghanistan" (under agenda item 39) (convened by the delegation of Germany)**

*Monday, 9 November 2015*, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 8; and

*Wednesday, 11 November 2015*, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 8.

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency" (under agenda item 87) (convened by the delegation of Brazil)**

*Tuesday, 10 November 2015*, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 12.

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*Second Committee*

**Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.11, entitled "World Tsunami Day" (under agenda item 20 (c)) (convened by the delegations of Chile and Japan)**

*Monday, 9 November 2015*, from 09:00 to 10:30, in Conference Room B.

**Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.19, entitled "Follow-up to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries" (under agenda item 23 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Turkey)**

*Monday, 9 November 2015*, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 7.

**Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.10, entitled "Towards comprehensive cooperation among all modes of transport for promoting sustainable multimodal transit corridors" (under agenda item 20) (convened by the delegation of Turkmenistan)**

*Monday, 9 November 2015*, from 10:30 to 11:30, in Conference Room B.

**Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.12, entitled "Agricultural technology for development" (under agenda item 20) (convened by the delegation of Israel)**

*Monday, 9 November 2015*, from 11:30 to 13:30, in Conference Room B.

**Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The Implementation of United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (UNCCD)" (under agenda item 20 (e)) (convened by the delegations of Algeria and Iceland)**

*Monday, 9 November 2015*, from 13:15 to 14:45, in Conference Room E.

**Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.16, entitled "Human resources development" (under agenda item 24 (c)) (convened by the delegation of the Bahamas)**

*Monday, 9 November 2015*, from 14:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room S-25MM2.

**Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.13, entitled "Operational activities for development of the United Nations system" (under agenda item 25 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Colombia)**

*Monday, 9 November 2015*, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room E.

**Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International Arrangement on Forests beyond 2015" (under agenda item 20) (convened by the delegation of Finland)**

*Monday, 9 November 2015*, from 16:30 to 18:00, in Conference Room B.

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***Third Committee***

**Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.24, entitled "Improvement of the situation of women and girls in rural areas" (under agenda item 29 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Mongolia)**

*Monday, 9 November 2015*, from 09:30 to 11:00, in Conference Room C.

**Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.28, entitled "Rights of the Child" (under agenda item 68 (a)) (convened by the delegations of the European Union and Uruguay (on behalf of GRULAC))**

*Monday, 9 November 2015*, from 11:00 to 12:30, in Conference Room C.

**Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.7, entitled "Violence against women migrant workers" (under agenda item 29 (a)) (convened by the delegations of Indonesia and the Philippines)**

*Monday, 9 November 2015*, from 13:00 to 15:00, in Conference Room C.

**Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Combating glorification of Nazism, neo-Nazism and other practices that contribute to fuelling contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance" (under agenda item 70) (convened by the delegation of the Russian Federation)**

*Monday, 9 November 2015*, from 13:30 to 15:00, in Conference Room B.

**Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.10, entitled "International cooperation against the world drug problem" (under agenda item 107) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)**

*Monday, 9 November 2015*, from 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room C.

**Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.37, entitled "The Right to Development" (under agenda item 72 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Cuba) (for NAM Members only)**

*Monday, 9 November 2015*, from 15:00 to 16:30, in Conference Room B.

**Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Protection of Migrants" (under agenda item 72 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)**

*Monday, 9 November 2015*, from 17:00 to 19:00, in Conference Room C.

**Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.23, entitled "Protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism" (under agenda item 72 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)**

*Monday, 9 November 2015*, from 18:00 to 19:30, in Conference Room B.

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***Sixth Committee***

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission" (under agenda item 80) (convened by the delegation of Pakistan)**

*Monday, 9 November 2015*, from 13:15 to 14:45, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

## Forthcoming other activities

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**Panel discussion on "European Union Law Aspects of the Solution of the Migration Crisis" (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic)**

*Monday, 9 November 2015*, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Petra Benesova, Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic (e-mail petra_benesova@mzv.cz).]

**Event entitled "Mobilizing Cultural and Religious Ethics for Agenda 2030" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Panama, the Inter Parliamentary Coalition for Global Ethics and the Institute of Noahide Code)**

*Monday, 9 November 2015*, from 15:00 to 18:00, Conference Room 6.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Dayanara Salazar, Permanent Mission of Panama (e-mail dsalazar@panama-un.org; tel. 1 (212) 421-5420).]

**Event entitled "The Next Generation of Global Citizens" (on the occasion of the Fifth Anniversary of the United Nations Academic Impact) (organized by the United Nations Academic Impact, Department of Public Information (DPI))**

*Tuesday, 10 November 2015*, from 15:00 to 18:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Catherine White, United Nations Academic Impact, DPI (e-mail white8@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-8305).]

**Opening of the photo exhibit entitled "Poppies: Women and War" (in commemoration of the First World War (11 November)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom, in collaboration with the Permanent Mission of Canada, UN-Women and the Murray Edward College)**

*Wednesday, 11 November 2015*, from 11:45 to 12:15, at the Delegates' Entrance Lobby.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Pauline Dowdall, Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom (e-mail pauline.dowdall@fco.gov.uk; tel. 1 (212) 745-9263).]

**Special event on "The Battle for Zionism at the United Nations" (marking 40 years since the historic Herzog Speech) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Israel)**

*Wednesday, 11 November 2015*, at 18:00, in Conference Room 4.

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Michal Carmeli, Permanent Mission of Israel (e-mail unevents@newyork.mfa.gov.il; tel. 1 (212) 499-5570).]

**Briefing on "The new global investment landscape – investment policies for the twenty-first century" (organized by the New York Office of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD))**

*Thursday, 12 November 2015*, from 10:00 to 12:00, in Conference Room 12.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Ena Sawh, UNCTAD (e-mail sawh@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6893).]

## Announcements

**Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions**

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training (in English) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-133 (First Floor), for the month of *November 2015*:

*Introduction to United Nations Documents*

*Law Library Overview*

*United Nations Regular Budget Documentation*

*Introduction to Subscription Databases and Resources*

*Introduction to Library Services*

*General Assembly Documentation*

*Security Council Documentation*

All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (http://www.un.org/depts/dhl).

For more information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

**Press kit for the seventieth session of the General Assembly**

The press kit for the seventieth session of the General Assembly is now available online in all six official languages. Produced by the Department of Public Information (DPI), in cooperation with the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM), the kit is paper-free. Print-on-demand versions are available via the General Assembly website (*click here*).

**2016 United Nations Regional Courses in International Law — Call for applications**

Applications for the 2016 United Nations Regional Courses in International Law for Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean and Asia-Pacific, respectively, are now being accepted.

The Regional Course for Africa is scheduled to be held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from Monday, 1, to Friday, 26 February 2016. This course is open to candidates from Member States of the United Nations, which are also members of the regional group of African States.

The Regional Course for Latin America and the Caribbean is scheduled to be held in Montevideo, Uruguay, from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 April 2016. This course is open to candidates from Member States of the United Nations, which are also members of the regional group of Latin American and Caribbean States. The deadline for applications is *Friday, 13 November 2015*.

The Regional Course for Asia-Pacific is scheduled to be held in Bangkok, Thailand, from Monday, 21 November, to Friday, 16 December 2016.

This course is open to candidates from Member States of the United Nations and non-member States, which are also members of the regional group of Asia-Pacific States. The deadline for applications is *Friday, 13 November 2015*.

The three Regional Courses will be conducted *in English* in 2016. The organization of the Regional Courses is subject to funding.

For further information, including application forms, please consult the website of the Regional Courses (*click here*); or contact the Codification Division (RCIL-Africa (e-mail rcil-africa *a* un.org); RCIL-LAAC (e-mail rcil-laac *a* un.org); and RCIL-Asia-Pacific (e-mail rcil-asia *a* un.org)).

**2016 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme — Call for applications**

Applications for the 2016 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, scheduled to be held at the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands, from 27 June to 5 August 2016, are now being accepted. The deadline for applications is *Tuesday, 1 December 2015*.

The Fellowship Programme will be conducted in *French* in 2016. For further information, including application forms, please consult the International Law Fellowship Programme (*click here*) or contact the Codification Division (e-mail ilfp *a* un.org).

**Calendar of conferences and meetings**

The 2015 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

# Summary of official meetings

**Thursday, 5 November 2015**

## Security Council

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7549th meeting — *The situation in Libya*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited the representative of Libya to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited Ms. Fatou Bensouda, Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Ms. Bensouda.

Statements were made by the representatives of Nigeria, Angola, Chile, Chad, New Zealand, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Lithuania, the United States, the Russian Federation, Spain, Jordan, Malaysia, China and France, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of the United Kingdom.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of Libya.

7550th meeting — *The situation in Libya*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited the representative of Libya to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited Mr. Bernardino León, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Support Mission in Libya, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item and a heard briefing by Mr. León.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of Libya.

## General Assembly

Seventieth session

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47th plenary meeting — *Report of the International Court of Justice* [item 75]

*(a) Report of the International Court of Justice (A/70/4)*

*(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/70/327)*

The President made a statement.

Judge Ronny Abraham, President of the International Court of Justice, made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), South Africa (on behalf of the African States) and Australia (also on behalf of Canada and New Zealand).

Her Excellency Supriya Sule, Member of Parliament of India, made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of China, Nicaragua, Romania, the United States, Mexico, Thailand, the Sudan, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Japan, Algeria, Germany, France, Cuba, Chile, Peru, Cyprus, the Philippines, Nigeria and the Russian Federation.

48th plenary meeting

*Report of the International Court of Justice* [item 75]

*(a) Report of the International Court of Justice (A/70/4)*

*(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/70/327)*

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 75.

Statements were made by the representatives of Costa Rica, Croatia, Timor-Leste, Malaysia and Morocco.

The General Assembly took note of the report of the International Court of Justice.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 75.

*Report of the International Criminal Court* [item 78]

*(a) Note by the Secretary-General (A/70/350)*

*(b) Reports by the Secretary-General (A/70/317 and A/70/346)*

The President made a statement.

Judge Silvia Alejandra Fernández de Gurmendi, President of the International Criminal Court, made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the European Union (also on behalf of the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Albania; the country of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina; as well as the Republic of Moldova and Georgia, which aligned themselves with the statement), Trinidad and Tobago (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Finland (on behalf of the Nordic countries), Switzerland, New Zealand, Cuba, Australia, Germany, Guatemala, Romania, Slovenia, the Sudan, Peru, the United States, Estonia and Cyprus.

The representative of the Sudan made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

## Main Committees

### First Committee

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25th meeting

The Committee continued its third stage of work, namely "Action on all draft resolutions and decisions submitted under disarmament and international security agenda items (88 to 105)".

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

Under cluster 5 (other disarmament measures and international security), in explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of France, the United States and Cuba.

The representatives of the United States, the United Kingdom, India, China, the Russian Federation, Israel and Mexico made statements on a point of order.

The Chair made a statement.

The Committee took action on the draft resolutions in cluster 6 (regional disarmament and security).

Draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.5 was adopted, without a vote.

The representative of Tuvalu made a statement on a point of order.

Draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.18 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 116 to 3, with 46 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.31 was adopted, without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.33 was adopted, without a vote.

The second operative paragraph of draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.34 was retained, by a recorded vote of 133 to 1, with 36 abstentions. The draft resolution as a whole was adopted, by a recorded vote of 169 to 1, with 5 abstentions.

In explanation of vote after the vote, a statement was made by the representative of India.

The representatives of Nicaragua, the Niger and Madagascar made statements on a point of order.

The Chair made a statement.

A general statement was made under cluster 7 (disarmament machinery) by the representative of Cuba.

The Committee took action on the draft resolutions and draft decision in cluster 7 (disarmament machinery).

The Secretary of the Committee made an oral statement pertaining to the financial implications of draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.8.

Draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.8 was adopted, without a vote.

The Secretary of the Committee made an oral statement pertaining to the financial implications of draft decision A/C.1/70/L.11.

Draft decision A/C.1/70/L.11 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 173 to 0, with 4 abstentions.

The Secretary of the Committee made an oral statement pertaining to the financial implications of draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.14.

Draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.14 was adopted, without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.29 was adopted, without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.42 was adopted, without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.43/Rev.2 was adopted, without a vote.

The Secretary of the Committee made an oral statement pertaining to the financial implications of draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.53.

The representatives of South Africa and India made statements on a point of order.

Draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.53 was adopted, without a vote.

The Secretary of the Committee made an oral statement pertaining to the financial implications of draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.57.

Draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.57 was adopted, without a vote.

In explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, Cuba, the United States, South Africa, Germany, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Indonesia.

The Chair made a statement.

The representatives of Ecuador, South Africa, the United Kingdom, Mexico, Guatemala, Austria, Nigeria, the United States, India, Morocco and Canada made statements on a point of order.

The Acting High Representative for Disarmament Affairs made a statement.

General statements were made under cluster 1 (nuclear weapons) by the representatives of France, the Islamic Republic of Iran (who withdrew draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.28/Rev.1, entitled "Effective Measures on Nuclear Disarmament"), South Africa (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.41/Rev.1, entitled "Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: accelerating the implementation of nuclear disarmament commitments", on behalf of the New Agenda Coalition), Brazil, Kazakhstan (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.52/Rev.1, entitled "Universal Declaration on the Achievement of a Nuclear-Weapon-Free World"), Uganda, Malaysia (who made an oral revision to the fourth preambular paragraph of draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.58, entitled "Treaty on the South-East Asia Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone (Bangkok Treaty)"), Morocco and Palau.

In explanation of vote before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Austria, Israel, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Pakistan, Indonesia, Cuba and Australia.

The representative of Fiji made a statement on a point of order.

The Committee took action on the draft resolutions in cluster 1 (nuclear weapons).

The Secretary of the Committee made an oral statement pertaining to the financial implications of draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.4/Rev.1.

Draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.4/Rev.1 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 175 to 0, with 3 abstentions.

The Secretary of the Committee made an oral statement pertaining to the financial implications of draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.13/Rev.1.

Draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.13/Rev.1 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 135 to 12, with 33 abstentions.

The Secretary of the Committee made an oral statement pertaining to the financial implications of draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.25.

Draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.25 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 175 to 1, with 5 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.35 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 174 to 4, with 1 abstention.

The thirteenth operative paragraph of draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.41/Rev.1 was retained, by a recorded vote of 163 to 5, with 7 abstentions. The draft resolution as a whole was adopted, by a recorded vote of 135 to 7, with 38 abstentions.

The Secretary of the Committee made an oral statement pertaining to the financial implications of draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.52/Rev.1.

Draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.52/Rev.1 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 131 to 22, with 28 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.58, as orally revised, was adopted, without a vote.

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**Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)**

[archived video]

19th meeting

*Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects* [item 56]

*General debate*

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements made by the representatives of Argentina, China, Uruguay, Maldives, Cyprus, Ukraine, Turkey, Jamaica, Algeria, the Niger, Senegal, Gabon, Nigeria, the United Republic of Tanzania, Burkina Faso, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Chad, the United States, Serbia, Croatia and El Salvador.

*Right of reply*

A statement in the exercise of the right of reply was made by the representative of Morocco.

A point of order was raised by the representative of Algeria.

*Organizational matters*

The Chair announced that the Committee would continue its general debate under the item 56 at a later date to be announced.

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**Second Committee**

[archived video]

29th meeting

*Information and communications technologies for development* [item 17]

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.23*

*Macroeconomic policy questions* [item 18]

*(a) International trade and development*

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.2*

*(b) International financial system and development*

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.7*

*Sustainable development* [item 20]

*Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.2/70/L.14 and A/C.2/70/L.22*

(b) *Follow-up to and implementation of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States*

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.17*

(c) *International Strategy for Disaster Reduction*

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.15**

(d) *Protection of global climate for present and future generations of humankind*

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.18*

(h) *United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development*

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.20*

*Globalization and interdependence: Culture and sustainable development* [item 22 (c)]

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.6*

*Groups of countries in special situations: Follow-up to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries* [item 23 (a)]

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.19*

*Eradication of poverty and other development issues* [item 24]

(a) *Implementation of the Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017)*

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.9*

(b) *Women in development*

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.8*

(c) *Human resources development*

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.16*

*Operational activities for development: Operational activities for development of the United Nations system* [item 25 (a)]

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.13*

*Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources* [item 64]

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.21*

The Committee resumed its consideration of the agenda items and sub-items.

The representative of South Africa introduced the draft resolutions on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

*Sustainable development* [item 20]

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.5*

The representative of Samoa introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document and announced the following additional sponsors: Bhutan, Cabo

Verde, Canada, the Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, France, Italy, Lebanon, Mauritania, Mauritius, Paraguay, Peru, San Marino, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe. Subsequently, Bangladesh, the Russian Federation and the Sudan joined as sponsors of the draft resolution.

*Sustainable development: International Strategy for Disaster Reduction* [item 20 (c)]

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.11*

The representative of Japan introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document and announced the following additional sponsors: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Colombia, Comoros, Cuba, Georgia, Ghana, Grenada, Guinea, Jamaica, Jordan, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Mali, Nepal, Panama, the Russian Federation, the Solomon Islands, Somalia, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and the United Arab Emirates. Subsequently, Guatemala joined as a sponsor of the draft resolution.

A statement was also made by the representative of Chile.

*Organization of work*

A statement was made by the Chair (Slovenia).

**Third Committee**

[archived video]

43rd meeting

*Right of peoples to self-determination* [item 71]

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.42*

The representative of Egypt introduced the draft resolution and made an oral correction to the draft resolution.

Angola, China, Eritrea, Ghana, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

*Promotion and protection of human rights: Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms* [item 72 (b)]

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.23*

The representative of Mexico introduced the draft resolution.

Argentina, Armenia, Costa Rica, Liechtenstein, Panama and Paraguay joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.40*

The representative of Egypt introduced the draft resolution.

China joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.41*

The representative of Luxembourg introduced the draft resolution.

Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Guatemala and Lebanon joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.46*

The representative of Norway introduced the draft resolution.

Albania, Guatemala, Honduras and Mongolia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.48*

The representative of Greece introduced the draft resolution.

Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Mongolia, the Republic of Moldova and San Marino joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.49*

The representative of Germany introduced the draft resolution.

Afghanistan, Albania, Bahrain, Georgia, Ghana, Guatemala, Jordan, Madagascar, Mongolia, Myanmar, Panama, Peru, Sri Lanka and Sweden joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.51*

The representative of Norway introduced the draft resolution.

Albania, Austria, Croatia, Guatemala, Hungary and Peru joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.52*

The representative of Austria introduced the draft resolution.

Albania, Cyprus, Georgia, Guatemala, Norway, Panama and Serbia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.54*

The representative of United States introduced the draft resolution.

Afghanistan, Albania, Andorra, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cabo Verde, Estonia, Guatemala, Lebanon, Mexico, Mongolia, the Netherlands, Panama, Peru, the Republic of Moldova, Samoa, San Marino, Serbia, Sweden, Thailand, Ukraine and Yemen joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.55*

The representative of Spain introduced the draft resolution.

Albania, Andorra, Cabo Verde, Eritrea, Georgia, Guatemala, Haiti, Mongolia, Palau, Peru and Serbia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.56*

The representative of Poland introduced the draft resolution.

Bahrain, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Mongolia and the United Republic of Tanzania joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.57*

The representative of Qatar introduced the draft resolution.

Afghanistan, Bahrain, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Cameroon, Comoros, Cuba, Eritrea, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, the Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, the Sudan, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates, the United States of America and Yemen joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

*Promotion and protection of human rights: Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives* [item 72 (c)]

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.35*

The representative of Luxembourg introduced the draft resolution.

The Secretary of the Committee orally corrected the list of original sponsors to include Iceland.

Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, the Marshall Islands, New Zealand and Turkey joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.45*

The representative of Canada introduced the draft resolution.

New Zealand and Palau joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

*Right of reply*

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Canada.

*Social development: Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family* [item 28 (b)]

*Action on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.12*

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implication.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

Argentina, Belgium, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Burkina Faso, Colombia, Costa Rica, the Czech Republic, Denmark, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Finland, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Haiti, Honduras, Indonesia, Latvia, Liberia, Lithuania, Malta, Mauritius, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Sweden, Thailand, Turkey, the United Republic of Tanzania and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised.

*Crime prevention and criminal justice* [item 106]

*Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/70/L.2, A/C.3/70/L.3, A/C.3/70/L.4 and A/C.3/70/L.5*

*Action on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.2*

The Committee had before it a draft resolution, recommended for adoption by the Economic and Social Council.

The Secretary read out a statement of programme budget implications in connection with the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution.

After the adoption, statements were made by the representatives of Qatar and Argentina.

*Action on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.3*

The Committee had before it a draft resolution, recommended for adoption by the Economic and Social Council.

The Secretary orally made corrections and read out a statement of programme budget implications in connection, with the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

After the adoption, a statement was made by the representative of Switzerland (also on behalf of Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Norway, Poland, Slovenia, Sweden and Uruguay).

*Action on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.4*

The Committee had before it a draft resolution, recommended for adoption by the Economic and Social Council.

The Secretary read out a statement of programme budget implications in connection with the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution.

*Action on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.5*

The Committee had before it a draft resolution, recommended for adoption by the Economic and Social Council.

The Secretary read out a statement of programme budget implications in connection with the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution.

*International drug control* [item 107]

*Action on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.6*

The Committee had before it a draft resolution, recommended for adoption by the Economic and Social Council.

The Secretary read out a statement of programme budget implications in connection with the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution.

*Organization of work*

The Chair of the Committee made a statement.

44th meeting

*Promotion and protection of human rights* [item 72]

*(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms*

*(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives*

The Committee resumed its consideration of the agenda item and its sub-items.

*General discussion*

The Committee resumed its general discussion of the sub-items and heard statements by the representatives of the European Union, Ecuador, the Bolivarian Republic of

Venezuela, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Morocco, Canada, Cameroon, Serbia, Palau and Albania.

A statement was also made by the observer of the International Organization for Migration.

*Right of reply*

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Egypt, China, the Russian Federation, Serbia, the Sudan, Albania and Ukraine.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of the sub-items.

*Organization of work*

The Vice-Chair (Canada) made a statement.

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**[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]**

*Amendment to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal. Geneva, 22 September 1995*

*Approval:* Niger (5 November 2015)

*United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000*

*Ratification:* Republic of Korea (5 November 2015)

*Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000*

*Ratification:* Republic of Korea (5 November 2015)

*Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000*

*Ratification:* Republic of Korea (5 November 2015)

*Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 31 May 2001*

*Ratification:* Republic of Korea (5 November 2015)

*Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. New York, 13 December 2006*

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### General Assembly

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10:00 — 50th plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

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1. Election of thirty members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law [item 113 (b)]
2. Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences: Note by the Secretary-General (A/70/107) [item 114 (e)]
3. Appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit: Note by the Secretary-General (A/70/106) [item 114 (f)]
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[1] By-election to fill a vacancy in the Economic and Social Council resulting from a member of the group of Western European and other States relinquishing its seat (A/70/426).

### Security Council

09:00 — 7551st meeting — Security Council Chamber

[webcast]

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Somalia

   Report of the Secretary-General on Somalia (S/2015/702)

   Letter dated 7 October 2015 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2015/762)

15:00 — 7552nd meeting — Security Council Chamber

[webcast]

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Burundi

Afternoon[1] — Consultations of the whole (closed) — Consultations Room

Burundi

Other matters

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 7552nd meeting.

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15:00 to 18:00 — 21st meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 4

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (A/70/13, A/70/13/Add.1, A/70/379, A/70/308, A/70/340 and A/70/319) [item 54]

*Introductory statement by the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)*

*Interactive dialogue*

*Introductory statement by the Rapporteur of the Working group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)*

*General debate*

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10:00 to 13:00 — Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 134 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017)

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15:00 to 18:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

*To be determined*

[The list of speakers for the general discussion on all agenda items before the Fifth Committee *is open*. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact, in writing, Ms. Ilene McGrade (e-mail fifthcommittee@un.org). In addition to providing 25 copies of their statement to the Conference Room Officer, delegations are kindly requested to provide an electronic copy of their statement to the secretariat of the Committee (e-mail fifthcommittee@un.org), prior to the start of the meeting. Background information on the work of the Fifth Committee, including the provisional draft programme of work for the seventieth session of the General Assembly is available by *clicking here*.]

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**Sixth Committee**

**Plenary**

10:00 to 13:00 23rd meeting [webcast] Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixty-seventh session (A/70/10) [item 83]

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its forty-eighth session [item 81]

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.6/70/L.9*

**Working Group**

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [item 108]

[Delegates are reminded that PaperSmart services are offered as an additional service for the seventieth session of the Sixth Committee of the General Assembly.

Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal (*click here*) should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of the delivery to papersmart6@un.org. The number of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statement will appear on the Sixth Committee PaperSmart portal only when read out by the delegation.

The list of speakers for all items on the agenda of the Sixth Committee *is open*. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (e-mail 6thcommittee@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5331; fax 1 (212) 963-1963). Delegations that have not yet

submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are invited to inform the Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs, secretariat of the Sixth Committee (e-mail 6thcommittee@un.org, Room DC2-0566; fax 1 (212) 963-1963).

Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales or form A/INF/70/2 will be accepted by e-mail.

Delegates are invited to access the online form on the website of the Sixth Committee for purposes of registering for the Committee's UNITE Connections community (for the seventieth session), as well as to join the e-mail contact list of representatives attending the Sixth Committee.]

## General Assembly

### 2015 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities

10:00 to 13:00 — 1st meeting — Conference Room 2

1. Opening of the Pledging Conference
2. Election of officers
3. Statement of pledges
4. Adoption of the report
5. Closing statements

15:00[1] — 2nd meeting — Conference Room 2

[Documents A/70/62–E/2015/4, A/CONF.208/2015/1, A/CONF.208/2015/2 and A/CONF.208/2015/L.1]

[Delegations are requested to submit, *in writing*, the names of their representatives attending the Pledging Conference to the Secretary of the Conference, Ms. Radhika Ochalik (c/o Ms. Catalina de Leon (e-mail leonc@un.org)). Please note that only scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

The list of speakers for the Pledging Conference is now *open*. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact, *in writing*, the Secretary of the Conference (c/o Ms. Catalina de Leon (e-mail leonc@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). Delegations are reminded that PaperSmart services are offered as an additional service for the Pledging Conference. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least one hour in advance of delivery to papersmart@un.org. ...The date and subject of the meeting should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject of the e-mail. The statements will be made available on the Pledging Conference PaperSmart portal (*click here*) only after delivery by delegations.]

[1] If necessary.

### Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00 — Closed meeting — Conference Room 10

15:00 to 18:00 — Closed meeting — Conference Room 10

Executive meeting

## Security Council

**Informal Working Group on Documentation and Other Procedural Questions**

16:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 7

## General Assembly

**Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People**
Working Group

The Working Group of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold a closed meeting on *Monday, 9 November 2015*, at 10:30, in Conference Room 6. Representatives of "Adalah – The Legal Center for Arab Minority Rights in Israel" will brief the Working Group.

**Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations**
Informal briefing

Police Commissioners of United Nations Peacekeeping Missions will provide an informal briefing (closed), to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations on *Monday, 9 November 2015*, at 15:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

**United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea**

**Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf**
Thirty-ninth session

There will be closed meetings of the subcommissions established by the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf on *Monday, 9 November 2015*, from 10:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 18:00, at the Geographic Information System laboratories of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

## Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

*The agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/70/251 and A/70/252. The meetings under this header are closed.*

**Monday, 9 November 2015**

***General Assembly***

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations" (under agenda item 73 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)**

From 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 8.

**Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin" (under agenda item 10) (convened by the delegation of Greece)**

From 10:00 to 12:00, in Conference Room E.

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The situation in Afghanistan" (under agenda item 39) (convened by the delegation of Germany)**

From 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 8.

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*Second Committee*

**Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.11, entitled "World Tsunami Day" (under agenda item 20 (c)) (convened by the delegations of Chile and Japan)**

From 09:00 to 10:30, in Conference Room B.

**Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.19, entitled "Follow-up to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries" (under agenda item 23 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Turkey)**

From 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 7.

**Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.10, entitled "Towards comprehensive cooperation among all modes of transport for promoting sustainable multimodal transit corridors" (under agenda item 20) (convened by the delegation of Turkmenistan)**

From 10:30 to 11:30, in Conference Room B.

**Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.12, entitled "Agricultural technology for development" (under agenda item 20) (convened by the delegation of Israel)**

From 11:30 to 13:30, in Conference Room B.

**Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The Implementation of United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (UNCCD)" (under agenda item 20 (e)) (convened by the delegations of Algeria and Iceland)**

From 13:15 to 14:45, in Conference Room E.

**Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.16, entitled "Human resources development" (under agenda item 24 (c)) (convened by the delegation of the Bahamas)**

From 14:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room S-25MM2.

**Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.13, entitled "Operational activities for development of the United Nations system" (under agenda item 25 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Colombia)**

From 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room E.

**Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International Arrangement on Forests beyond 2015" (under agenda item 20) (convened by the delegation of Finland)**

From 16:30 to 18:00, in Conference Room B.

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***Third Committee***

**Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.24, entitled "Improvement of the situation of women and girls in rural areas" (under agenda item 29 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Mongolia)**

From 09:30 to 11:00, in Conference Room C.

**Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.28, entitled "Rights of the Child" (under agenda item 68 (a)) (convened by the delegations of the European Union and Uruguay (on behalf of GRULAC))**

From 11:00 to 12:30, in Conference Room C.

**Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.7, entitled "Violence against women migrant workers" (under agenda item 29 (a)) (convened by the delegations of Indonesia and the Philippines)**

From 13:00 to 15:00, in Conference Room C.

**Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.59, entitled "Combating glorification of Nazism, neo-Nazism and other practices that contribute to fuelling contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance" (under agenda item 70 (a)) (convened by the delegation of the Russian Federation)**

From 13:30 to 15:00, in Conference Room B.

**Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.10, entitled "International cooperation against the world drug problem" (under agenda item 107) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)**

From 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room C.

**Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.37, entitled "The Right to Development" (under agenda item 72 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Cuba) (for NAM Members only)**

From 15:00 to 16:30, in Conference Room B.

**Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.20, entitled "Protection of migrants" (under agenda item 72 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)**

From 17:00 to 19:00, in Conference Room C.

**Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.23, entitled "Protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism" (under agenda item 72 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)**

From 18:00 to 19:30, in Conference Room B.

*Sixth Committee*

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission" (under agenda item 80) (convened by the delegation of Pakistan)**

From 13:15 to 14:45, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

## Other meetings

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**Monday, 9 November 2015**

**Group of 77 (on Second Committee and related matters)**

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| 09:00 to 13:00 | Closed meeting | Conference Room D |
| 15:00 to 18:00 | Closed meeting | Conference Room D |

**OIC Group (Sixth Committee experts)**

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| 11:30 to 13:00 | Closed meeting | Conference Room A |

## Other activities

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**Monday, 9 November 2015**

**Panel discussion on "European Union Law Aspects of the Solution of the Migration Crisis" (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic)**

From 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Petra Benesova, Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic (e-mail petra_benesova@mzv.cz).]

**Event entitled "Mobilizing Cultural and Religious Ethics for Agenda 2030" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Panama, the Inter Parliamentary Coalition for Global Ethics and the Institute of Noahide Code)**

From 15:00 to 18:00, Conference Room 6.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Dayanara Salazar, Permanent Mission of Panama (e-mail dsalazar@panama-un.org; tel. 1 (212) 421-5420).]

## Press conferences

*The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.*

**Monday, 9 November 2015**

*Press Briefing Room (S-0237)* [webcast]

12:00 Press briefing by the Spokesperson

**General Assembly**
Seventieth session

The General Assembly will hold plenary meetings, in the General Assembly Hall as follows:

On Thursday, 12 November 2015, at 10:00, to consider agenda item 111 (Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations) (document A/70/300), and agenda item 30 (Report of the Security Council) (document A/70/2).

On Friday, 13 November 2015, at 10:00, to consider, in a joint debate, agenda item 15 (Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields), agenda item 116 (Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit), agenda item 122 (Strengthening of the United Nations system) and agenda item 123 (United Nations reform: measures and proposals).

On Monday, 16 November 2015, at 10:00, to consider agenda item 67 (Report of the Human Rights Council) (document A/70/53 and A/70/53/Add.1 (to be issued)).

Delegations wishing to speak are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org); tel. 1 (212) 963-5063)).

# Forthcoming official meetings

## General Assembly

Seventieth session

**Informal consultations on agenda item 79 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea: Sustainable fisheries)**

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 79 (b) (Sustainable fisheries) of the seventieth session of the General Assembly will be held from Tuesday, 10, to Tuesday, 17 November 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 6.

**Informal consultations on agenda item 79 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)**

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 79 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea) of the seventieth session of the General Assembly will be held from Wednesday, 18, to Tuesday, 24 November 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 6.

## General Assembly

Seventieth session

The agenda of the seventieth regular session of the General Assembly was adopted on 18 September 2015 (document A/70/251 and A/70/251/Add.1), see documents A/70/252 and A/70/252/Add.1 for allocation of items.

The annotated preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the seventieth regular session of the General Assembly was issued in document A/70/100.

The programme of the work and the schedule of plenary meetings of the General Assembly during the main part of its seventieth session were issued on 7 October 2015 in document A/INF/70/3. Updates to the programme of work will be reflected in the online schedule of meetings, please *click here*.

*List of speakers*

Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova, e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063).

For the submission of a draft resolution for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-7784 (Room S-3044). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

*PaperSmart Services*

Delegations are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements for posting on the PaperSmart portal to papersmart@un.org. The title and the date of the meeting should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail.

*Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications*

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the permanent representative or chargé d'affaires of the permanent mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/70/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org, or to dpu-dgacm@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only. Materials that are accessible to the public on websites or through the media, such as statements, press releases and images, should be cited rather than included in the communications.

*Future elections of non-permanent members of the Security Council and members of the Economic and Social Council*

Pursuant to operative paragraph 17 of resolution 68/307 of 10 September 2014, on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, there will be two elections, at the seventieth session, of the non-permanent members of the Security Council and two elections of the members of the Economic and Social Council.

Specifically, the General Assembly conducted the elections of five non-permanent members of the Security Council for the term 2016-2017 and of 18 members of the Economic and Social Council for the term 2016-2018, during the main part of the session. The elections for the 2017-2018 term in the Security Council and for the 2017-2019 term in the Economic and Social Council will take place during the resumed part of the session, in the *spring of 2016*.

Subsequently, these elections will be conducted once during each session of the General Assembly, in the spring, in accordance with the above-mentioned resolution. A memorandum, dated 22 October 2014, was sent by the Director, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council Affairs Division, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, to the Chairs of the regional groups for that month.

## General Assembly

Seventieth session

### Main Committees

### Second Committee

The Second Committee will hold a joint plenary meeting with the Economic and Social Council on the topic "Domestic resource mobilization: Where to go after Addis?" on Wednesday, 11 November 2015, at 10:00, in Conference Room 2. The joint meeting will be co-chaired by His Excellency Andrej Logar (Slovenia), Chair of the Second Committee, and His Excellency Oh Joon (Republic of Korea), President of the Economic and Social Council. All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For further information, please visit the website of the

Second Committee (*click here*) or contact Mr. Michael Lennard, Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail lennard@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5734).

The Second Committee programme of work and status of documentation, including background information and side events for the seventieth session of the General Assembly are available on the website of the Committee (*click here*).

Delegations are reminded that PaperSmart services are available during the session. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through PaperSmart should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The name of the mission, date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. Please note that PDF format is preferred. Statements will be made available on the Second Committee PaperSmart portal only after delivery by delegations.

Delegations are requested to submit, *as soon as possible*, the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers to the Acting Secretary of the Second Committee, Mr. Otto Gustafik (c/o Mr. Jose Rene Tanoy (e-mail tanoy@un.org; Room S-1291; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales or form A/INF/70/2 will be accepted by e-mail. For inquiries regarding access to the Second Committee QuickPlace, please contact Ms. Maria Theresa Olvida (e-mail 2ndcommittee@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-8429).

Requests for room reservations for informal consultations on Second Committee matters should be sent, *as soon as possible but no later than 17:00* of the day before the meeting, to Ms. Patricia Anholt Habr (e-mail habrp@un.org, tel. 1 (212) 963-5724).

### Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 14th meeting on Tuesday, 10 November 2015, at 10:00, in Conference Room 3. Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the 14th meeting and at 15:00, in Conference Room 5.

## General Assembly

### Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

The 373rd meeting of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will be held on Tuesday, 10 November 2015, at 10:00, in Conference Room 2.

Mr. Mahmoud Elkhafif (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)) and Mr. Atif Kubursi (McMaster University, Ontario), will brief the Group of 77 and the Non-Aligned Movement Group, on Tuesday, 10 November 2015, at 15:00, in Conference Room 4.

## Economic and Social Council

2016 session

*Plenary meeting*

The President of the Economic and Social Council (Republic of Korea) will convene a plenary meeting on Thursday, 12 November 2015, at 10:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, to take action on draft decision E/2016/L.2 relating to the distribution of seats among the eight experts nominated by Member States to the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, and draft decision E/2016/L.4 on the dates and theme for the integration segment of the 2016 session of the Council.

The Council will also hold elections to fill a number of outstanding vacancies to its subsidiary bodies.

Delegations wishing to propose candidates for election are kindly reminded to address their correspondence to the Economic and Social Council Affairs Branch, with a copy to Ms. Sangeeta Sharma (e-mail sharma7@un.org) and Ms. Mary Constable (e-mail constablem@un.org), *by 17:00, on Monday, 9 November.*

The Chairs of the regional groups for the current month are kindly invited to inform the Secretariat of candidatures which may be forthcoming from their groups. A list of candidates for the election, as well as supporting documentation, can be consulted on Candiweb by *clicking here*.

*Briefing*

The Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council (Argentina) will hold a briefing of the Council on the second phase of the dialogue on the longer-term positioning of the United Nations development system in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The briefing will also be held on Thursday, 12 November 2015, immediately following the plenary meeting of the Council. For further information, please contact the Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (Mr. Kristinn Helgason (e-mail helgason@un.org); or Ms. Cassandra Price Taveras (e-mail pricec@un.org)).

## Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

*The agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/70/251 and A/70/252. The meetings under this header are closed.*

***General Assembly***

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency" (under agenda item 87) (convened by the delegation of Brazil)**

*Tuesday, 10 November 2015,* from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 12.

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow-up to the Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace" (under agenda item 16) (convened by the delegation of Bangladesh)**

*Tuesday, 10 November 2015,* from 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room A.

**Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The situation in Afghanistan" (under agenda item 39) (convened by the delegation of Germany)**

*Wednesday, 11 November 2015*, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 8.

**Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin" (under agenda item 10) (convened by the delegation of Greece)**

*Wednesday, 11 November 2015*, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room E.

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*Second Committee*

**Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.15, entitled "International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR)" (under agenda item 20 (c)) (convened by the delegation of Thailand)**

*Tuesday, 10 November 2015*, from 09:00 to 10:00, in Conference Room B.

**Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.9, entitled "Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017)" (under agenda item 24 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Chile)**

*Tuesday, 10 November 2015*, from 09:00 to 11:00, in Conference Room 11.

**Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.8, entitled "Women in development" (under agenda item 24 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Rwanda)**

*Tuesday, 10 November 2015*, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room B.

**Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Commodities" (agenda item 18 (d)) (convened by the delegation of Bulgaria)**

*Tuesday, 10 November 2015*, from 10:00 to 12:00, in Conference Room C.

**Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.7, entitled "International financial system and development" (under agenda item 18 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Chile)**

*Tuesday, 10 November 2015*, from 11:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 11.

**Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.10, entitled "Towards comprehensive cooperation among all modes of transport for promoting sustainable multimodal transit corridors" (under agenda item 20) (convened by the delegation of Turkmenistan)**

*Tuesday, 10 November 2015*, from 13:00 to 14:30, in Conference Room B.

**Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.17, entitled "Follow-up to and implementation of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States" (under agenda item 20 (b)) (convened by the delegation of the Bahamas)**

*Tuesday, 10 November 215*, from 13:15 to 14:45, in Conference Room A.

**Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.20, entitled "United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014)" (under agenda item 20 (h)) (convened by the delegation of the Sudan)**

*Tuesday, 10 November 2015*, from 14:30 to 16:30, in Conference Room B.

**Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.6, entitled "Culture and sustainable development" (under agenda item 22 (c)) (convened by the delegation of Costa Rica)**

*Tuesday, 10 November 2015*, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 11.

**Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.13, entitled "Operational activities for development of the United Nations system" (under agenda item 25 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Colombia)**

*Tuesday, 10 November 2015*, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 8.

**Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.23, entitled "Information and Communications Technologies for Development" (under agenda item 17) (convened by the delegation of Slovenia)**

*Tuesday, 10 November 2015*, from 16:30 to 18:00, in Conference Room B.

**Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Development Cooperation with Middle-Income countries" (under agenda item 22 (d)) (convened by the delegation of Viet Nam)**

*Tuesday, 10 November 2015*, from 17:15 to 19:00, in Conference Room A.

***Third Committee***

**Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.40, entitled "Combating intolerance, negative stereotyping, stigmatization, discrimination, incitement to violence and violence against persons, based on religion or belief" (under agenda item 72 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Egypt)**

*Tuesday, 10 November 2015*, from 09:00 to 11:00, in Conference Room 1.

**Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.29, entitled "The girl child" (under agenda item 68 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Botswana)**

*Tuesday, 10 November 2015*, from 09:00 to 10:00, in Conference Room C.

**Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.9, entitled "Promoting social integration through social inclusion" (under agenda item 28 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Peru)**

*Tuesday, 10 November 2015*, from 11:30 to 13:30, in Conference Room 1.

**Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.20, entitled "Protection of migrants" (under agenda item 72 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)**

*Tuesday, 10 November 2015*, from 12:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room C.

**Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.26, entitled "Rights of indigenous peoples" under agenda item 69 (a)) (convened by the delegation of the Plurinational State of Bolivia)**

*Tuesday, 10 November 2015*, from 13:15 to 14:45, in Conference Room E.

**Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.51, entitled "Protection of and assistance to internally displaced persons" (under agenda item 72 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Norway)**

*Tuesday, 10 November 2015*, from 14:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room C.

**Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.49, entitled "National Human Rights Institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights" (under agenda item 72 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Germany)**

*Tuesday, 10 November 2015*, from 15:00 to 16:30, in Conference Room E.

**Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.46, entitled "Recognizing the role of human rights defenders and the need for their protection" (under agenda item 72) (convened by the delegation of Norway)**

*Tuesday, 10 November 2015*, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 11.

**Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.55, entitled "The human right to safe drinking water and sanitation" (under agenda item 72 (b)) (convened by the delegations of Germany and Spain)**

*Tuesday, 10 November 2015*, from 17:00 to 18:30, in Conference Room C.

**Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.13, entitled "Improving the coordination of efforts against trafficking in persons" (under agenda item 106) (convened by the delegation of Belarus)**

*Tuesday, 10 November 2015*, from 18:00 to 19:00, in Conference Room B.

## Forthcoming other activities

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**Launch of the report *Business and the United Nations – Working together towards the Sustainable Development Goals: A framework for action* (organized by the Sustainable Development Goals Fund of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), in collaboration with the Harvard Kennedy School and Business Fights Poverty)**

*Tuesday, 10 November 2015*, from 13:15 to 14:45, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact the UNDP (Ms. Teresa Burelli (e-mail teresa.burelli@undp.org); or e-mail rebca.huetesalazar@undp.org); or *click here*.]

**Event entitled "The Next Generation of Global Citizens" (on the occasion of the fifth anniversary of the United Nations Academic Impact) (organized by the United Nations Academic Impact, Department of Public Information (DPI))**

*Tuesday, 10 November 2015*, from 15:00 to 18:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Catherine White, United Nations Academic Impact, DPI (e-mail white8@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-8305).]

**Opening of the photo exhibit entitled "Poppies: Women and War" (in commemoration of the First World War (11 November)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom, in collaboration with the Permanent Mission of Canada, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) and the Murray Edward College)**

*Wednesday, 11 November 2015*, from 11:45 to 12:15, at the Delegates' Entrance Lobby.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Pauline Dowdall, Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom (e-mail pauline.dowdall@fco.gov.uk; tel. 1 (212) 745-9263).]

**Special event on "The Battle for Zionism at the United Nations" (marking 40 years since the historic Herzog Speech) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Israel)**

*Wednesday, 11 November 2015*, at 18:00, in Conference Room 4.

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Michal Carmeli, Permanent Mission of Israel (e-mail unevents@newyork.mfa.gov.il; tel. 1 (212) 499-5570).]

**Briefing on "The new global investment landscape – investment policies for the twenty-first century" (organized by the New York Office of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD))**

*Thursday, 12 November 2015*, from 10:00 to 12:00, in Conference Room 12.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Ena Sawh, UNCTAD (e-mail sawh@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6893).]

**Informal meeting by the Co-Facilitators of the 2015 Review of the United Nations Peacebuilding Architecture (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Angola and Australia)**

*Friday, 13 November 2015*, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All permanent missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Gizem Sucuoglu, Secretariat to the Advisory Group on the Review of the Peacebuilding Architecture (e-mail sucuoglu@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5488).]

**Panel discussion on "Agricultural Technology Beyond 2015" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Israel)**

*Friday, 13 November 2015*, from 13:15 to 14:45, in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Maayan Keren, Permanent Mission of Israel (e-mail undevelopment-adv@newyork.mfa.gov.il).]

# Announcements

## Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

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## 2016 United Nations Regional Courses in International Law — Call for applications

Applications for the 2016 United Nations Regional Courses in International Law for Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean and Asia-Pacific, respectively, are now being accepted.

The Regional Course for Africa is scheduled to be held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from Monday, 1, to Friday, 26 February 2016. This course is open to candidates from Member States of the United Nations, which are also members of the regional group of African States.

The Regional Course for Latin America and the Caribbean is scheduled to be held in Montevideo, Uruguay, from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 April 2016. This course is open to candidates from Member States of the United Nations, which are also members of the regional group of Latin American and Caribbean States. The deadline for applications is *Friday, 13 November 2015*.

The Regional Course for Asia-Pacific is scheduled to be held in Bangkok, Thailand, from Monday, 21 November, to Friday, 16 December 2016.

This course is open to candidates from Member States of the United Nations and non-member States, which are also members of the regional group of Asia-Pacific States. The deadline for applications is *Friday, 13 November 2015*.

The three Regional Courses will be conducted *in English* in 2016. The organization of the Regional Courses is subject to funding.

For further information, including application forms, please consult the website of the Regional Courses (*click here*); or contact the Codification Division (RCIL-Africa (e-mail rcil-africa@un.org); RCIL-LAAC (e-mail rcil-laac@un.org); and RCIL-Asia-Pacific (e-mail rcil-asia@un.org)).

**2016 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme — Call for applications**

Applications for the 2016 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, scheduled to be held at the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands, from 27 June to 5 August 2016, are now being accepted. The deadline for applications is *Tuesday, 1 December 2015*.

The Fellowship Programme will be conducted in *French* in 2016. For further information, including application forms, please consult the International Law Fellowship Programme (*click here*) or contact the Codification Division (e-mail ilfp@un.org).

**Calendar of conferences and meetings**

The 2015 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

# Summary of official meetings

**Friday, 6 November 2015**

## General Assembly

Seventieth session

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49th plenary meeting

*Report of the International Criminal Court* [item 78]

*(a) Note by the Secretary-General (A/70/350)*

*(b) Reports by the Secretary-General (A/70/317 and A/70/346)*

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 78.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Philippines, Algeria, Madagascar, China, Liechtenstein, Senegal, Nigeria, Poland, Kenya, Mexico, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Brazil, Botswana, Argentina, Japan and the Republic of Korea.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 78.

## Main Committees

### First Committee

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26th meeting

The Committee continued its third stage of work, namely "Action on all draft resolutions and decisions submitted under disarmament and international security agenda items (88 to 105)".

Under cluster 1 (nuclear weapons), in explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Japan, New Zealand, Sweden, India, the United Kingdom, Germany, Australia, Cyprus, Egypt, Israel, the Republic of Korea, Norway, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Pakistan, Cuba, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Russian Federation.

A general statement was made under cluster 2 (other weapons of mass destruction) by the representative of Poland (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.27/Rev.1, entitled "Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction").

In explanation of vote before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, the Syrian Arab Republic, Cuba, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, South Africa, Nicaragua, India, Algeria and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The Committee took action on the draft resolution in cluster 2 (other weapons of mass destruction).

The fifth preambular paragraph of draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.27/Rev.1 was retained, by a recorded vote of 141 to 4, with 17 abstentions. Operative paragraph 10 of draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.27/Rev.1 was retained, by a recorded vote of 136 to 4, with 20 abstentions. The draft resolution as a whole was adopted, by a recorded vote of 167 to 0, with 4 abstentions.

In explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Ecuador, China, Egypt, Pakistan, the United States, Belarus, Turkey, Nigeria and Israel.

A general statement was made under cluster 3 (outer space (disarmament aspects)) by the representative of the Russian Federation.

The Committee took action on the draft resolution in cluster 3 (outer space (disarmament aspects)).

The Secretary of the Committee made an oral statement pertaining to the financial implications of draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.48.

Draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.48 was adopted, without a vote.

In explanation of vote after the vote, a statement was made by the representative of India.

A general statement was made under cluster 4 (conventional weapons) by the representative of Afghanistan (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.36*, entitled "Countering the threat posed by improvised explosive devices").

The Committee took action on the draft resolutions in cluster 4 (conventional weapons).

The Secretary of the Committee made an oral statement pertaining to the financial implications of draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.36*.

Draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.36* was adopted, without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.39 was adopted, without a vote.

In explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan, Austria, Cuba and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The Committee took action on the draft resolution in cluster 5 (other disarmament measures and international security).

The Secretary of the Committee drew the attention of the Committee to document A/C.1/70/L.59 that contained the statement on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.45.

Draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.45 was adopted, without a vote.

In explanation of vote after the vote, a statement was made by the representative of Cuba.

A statement was made by the Acting High Representative for Disarmament Affairs.

A general statement was made under cluster 7 (disarmament machinery) by the representative of France.

The Committee took action on the draft resolution in cluster 7 (disarmament machinery).

The Secretary of the Committee made an oral statement pertaining to the financial implications of draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.30.

Draft resolution A/C.1/70/L.30 was adopted, without a vote.

In explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the United States and the Netherlands.

The representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Turkey and Israel made statements in exercise of the right of reply.

The Chair made a statement.

The representative of Ecuador made a statement.

The Committee adopted its provisional programme of work and timetable for its next session, as contained in document A/C.1/70/CRP.5/Rev.1.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Kuwait (on behalf of the Group of Arab States) and Iraq.

The Chair made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its work for the main part of the seventieth session.

## Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

[archived video]

20th meeting

*Comprehensive review of special political missions* [item 57]

The Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs, Mr. Jeffrey Feltman, presented the report of the Secretary-General, as contained in document A/70/400.

The Under-Secretary-General for Field Support, Mr. Atul Khare, made a statement.

Questions were raised by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Norway and Indonesia, to which the Under-Secretaries-General for Political Affairs and Field Support responded.

*General debate*

The Committee held its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Morocco (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Thailand (on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations), India, Indonesia, Brazil, Mexico, Guatemala, the United States, Kenya, South Africa, Cuba, Iraq, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Maldives, Turkey, Japan, Sweden, Finland and Libya.

The Committee thus concluded its general debate and this stage of its consideration of agenda item 57.

The Chair made a statement.

On the proposal of the Chair, the Committee decided to resume its consideration of agenda item 53 on Tuesday, 10 November, to take action on draft resolution A/C.4/70/L.9/Rev.1 after concluding the general debate on agenda item 54. Thereafter, it will resume its consideration of agenda item 56 to exhaust the list of speakers for that general debate.

## Fifth Committee

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13th meeting

*Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments* [item 114]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chair made a statement regarding the procedure to be followed.

*(a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/70/101 and A/C.5/70/5)*

The Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend that the General Assembly appoint Mr. Ihor Humennyi (Ukraine), Mr. Conrod Hunte (Antigua and Barbuda), Mr. Babou Sene (Senegal) and Mr. Tesfa Alem Seyoum (Eritrea) as members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2016.

The Committee then proceeded to vote, by secret ballot, on the two candidates from the Group of Asia-Pacific States to fill the one vacant seat of that region.

The result of the secret ballot was as follows:

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| Mr. Eihab Omaish (Jordan) | 129 votes |
| Mr. Mohanad Ali Omran Al-Musawi (Iraq) | 51 votes |

Having obtained the required majority of votes, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the appointment of Mr. Eihab Omaish (Jordan) as a member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2016.

*(b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions (A/70/102 and A/C.5/70/6)*

The Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend that the General Assembly appoint Mr. Syed Yawar Ali (Pakistan), Ms. Jasminka Dinić (Croatia), Mr. Edward Faris (United States), Mr. Josiel Motumisi Tawana (South Africa), Mr. Toshiro Ozawa (Japan) and Mr. Tõnis Saar (Estonia) as members to the Committee on Contributions, for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2016.

*(d) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors (A/70/104 and A/C.5/70/7)*

The Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend that the General Assembly appoint the German Supreme Audit Institution as a member of the Board of Auditors for a six-year term of office beginning on 1 July 2016.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

*Other matters*

The attention of the Committee was drawn to a letter dated 3 November 2015 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chair of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/70/9).

The Chair informed the Committee that informal consultations would be held on that day, Friday, 6 November immediately following the adjournment of the formal meeting on agenda item 134 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017), in particular on Global service delivery model (GSDM), which would be coordinated by Ms. Elina Lemmetty-Hartoneva (Finland).

The Chair further informed the Committee that informal consultations would be held on that day, Friday, 6 November, in the afternoon, on agenda item 143 (Administration of Justice), which would be coordinated by Ms. Felicity Roxburgh (New Zealand).

## Sixth Committee

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21st meeting

*Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixty-seventh session* [item 83]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 83.

Statements were made by the representatives of Belarus, Cyprus, the Netherlands, Mexico, Singapore, India, Poland, Israel, Romania, Hungary, the Sudan and Peru.

The President of the International Court of Justice addressed the Committee, followed by a question and answer segment.

22nd meeting

*United Nations Programme of Assistance in Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law* [item 82]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 82.

The representative of Ghana introduced draft resolution A/C.6/70/L.10, on behalf of the Bureau.

*Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixty-seventh session* [item 83]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 83.

Statements were made by the representatives of Germany, Switzerland, Jamaica, New Zealand, the United States, Australia, Portugal, China, Croatia, Chile, Spain, El Salvador, Turkey, Italy and Japan.

# General information

**Chairs of regional groups**

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *November 2015* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

*African States:*
Sierra Leone
His Excellency Vandi Chidi Minah

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His Excellency Liu Jieyi

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The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
His Excellency Vasile Andonoski

*Latin American and Caribbean States:*
Suriname
His Excellency Henry Leonard Mac-Donald

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His Excellency Einar Gunnarsson

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